

Washington - Working to recognize the artistic talents and creative spirit of California's high school youth, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez is pleased to hold her annual "Artistic Discovery" High School Congressional Arts Competition again this year.

"I love this competition because each year it shows me just how talented and creative our students are," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez. "Their gifts deserve to be recognized and nurtured."

A panel of local art experts will select the winning pieces. Artists may create a piece specifically for the competition or submit a previously created work. The overall winner will have the honor of attending a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol and having his or her work on display in the Capitol for one year. The winning art pieces will be displayed in corridors of the Capitol to be viewed by thousands of people throughout the year.

Congresswoman Sánchez will display the works of the second and third place finishers in her Congressional Office in Washington, DC and in her local office in Cerritos. She will also host a reception on Saturday, April 28th at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza, located at 5000 Clark Ave. in Lakewood, from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, where all submissions will be displayed for public view and students will be recognized and honored for their talent and hard work.

Students can visit [www.lindasanchez.house.gov](http://www.lindasanchez.house.gov) or contact their High School Art Department for more information. Students must be from the 39th Congressional District of California to participate. The deadline to submit artwork is Friday, April 6th, 2007.